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### Book Signings by Local Authors Featured at Sully Civil War Weekend

At noon on Saturday, August 18, 2007, Charles Mauro discusses his latest book, "The Civil War in Fairfax County: Civilians and Soldiers." In this volume Mauro recounts stories told by civilians to the Southern Claims Commission after the war to document their losses, lives, and living conditions. Fairfax was the first county in the South that the Union Army invaded, and the last to be occupied as soldiers were mustered out of service after the Grand Review.

On Sunday, August 19, also at noon, Marc Leepson talks about his new book "Desperate Engagement." Leepson states that the Battle of Monocacy, just south of Frederick, MD, saved Washington DC. In this little-known battle Jubal Early led 12,000 southern troops in the northernmost Confederate victory during the Civil War.

Meet the authors and purchase signed copies of these two new books at Sully Historic Site's Civil War Weekend. Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. see military and civilian reenactors recreate the daily experiences of soldiers and Northern Virginia residents during the early years of the Civil War.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children. Included in this program is a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of Robert E. Lee. Music, special exhibits and food sales complement the event.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3601 Sully Road in Chantilly. Located on Route 28, ¼ miles north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

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